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TI Preparation of N-alkyllactams from lactones and secondary amines

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AB N-Alkyllactams are prepd. via N,N-dialkyl-.omega.-hydroxycarboxamides by treatment of 3-5 mol lactones with secondary amines in the presence of 1 mol H2O at 240-265.degree. A mixt. of 86 g .gamma.-butyrolactone and 97.2g 50% Me2NH aq. soln. was autoclaved at 255.degree. under 52 kg/cm2 for 3 h to give 59.5 g N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone of 99.9% purity and APHA (American Public Health Assocn.) value 10, vs. 98.5% and 20, resp., for a control reaction at 270.degree..

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